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Re: U. S. Patent Appl. No. 09/994,927
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For: **Bisubstituted Carbocyclic Cyclophilin Binding
Compounds and Their Use**
Inventors: HAMILTON *et al.*
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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